

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my strong objection to the proposal to take away the decision-making powers of the National Marine Fisheries Service and Fish and Wildlife Service regarding protection of endangered species from pesticide toxicity. The EPA alone does not sufficiently assess and address the risks that pollution, and in particular pesticides, cause to such species.

In fact, the EPA seems to be trying to avoid these responsibilities. This can only occur at enormous cost to endangered species, and ultimately to human beings, who are adversely affected by pesticides in our environment as well. Review by the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service is necessary in order to assure that the very real dangers of pesticides in our environment are addressed, not ignored or avoided.

Thank you for your attention.

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